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*Every child
at the center
of a court case
has a unique voice,
and that voice
must be heard.*

Hon. Eric N. Vitaliano
United States District Judge
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: Tait v. Powell, et al., 16-cv-06377 (ENV) (RER)

Dear Judge Vitaliano:


The Children's Law Center ("CLC") is a nonprofit law firm that represents children in custody, visitation, guardianship, paternity, family offense, child protective, and related proceedings in the Family Courts and the Integrated Domestic Violence Parts of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, when appointed to do so by judges of those courts, pursuant to a contract with the New York State Office of Court Administration. In addition, CLC represents its child clients in appeals from proceedings decided by the Family Courts and Integrated Domestic Violence Courts. Pursuant to its contract, CLC also is permitted to continue to represent its clients in related proceedings in State and Federal courts when, in its judgment, it is necessary to do so in order to zealously represent its clients' interests.

On August 23, 2016, CLC was assigned to represent K.T. and C.T. ("the children"), now-eight-year old twin girls, who are the subject of this case, in custody proceedings initiated in the Kings County Family Court by the defendant, Angella Powell, in this matter, who is the children's mother, against the plaintiff, Myhood Tait, who is the children's father.

Today I am filing a motion, seeking to intervene in this action on behalf of the children. I have communicated with the attorney for the father, Audrey Thomas, Esq., in order to agree on a briefing schedule with respect to that motion. On December 5, 2016, Ms. Thomas and I agreed that I would serve her with that motion, by email, on December 7, 2016, by 10:00 a.m., and that she would respond by December 11, 2016. These dates were selected in the hope that this motion could be heard on December 13, 2016, together with the father's application for a preliminary injunction.

I hope that this is acceptable to the Court. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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